As regards the prices of sugar in the open market, it is mentioned that the Government have been following the policy of encouraging stability and reasonable level of sugar prices in the domestic market through the judicious releases of monthly freesale quotas. The government can always release additional freesale quota as and when the situation so warrants. In view of the sufficient availability of sugar in the country, export of sugar is not likely to adversely affect the domestic prices.

Corruption Cases Against Officials of Super Bazar

1296. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:.

(a) whether Government are considering to close down the chains of Super Bazar in Delhi;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) what is the alternative proposed in this regards;

(d) who are the officials against whom corruption cases are under investigation by the CBI; and

(e) the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Central Bureau of Investigation is conducting inquiry/ investigation of cases against Shri S.S. Dhuri, former Chairman of Super Bazar and others. The names of officials involved in corruption cases being investigated by CBI are not yet known as the investigations are still in progress.

Modernisation of Storage System

1297. SHRI BJ. PANDA:Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to strengthen and modernise the storage system in the country;

(b) whether any study has been made on the system existing at present and the need and scope for creating adequate and modern storage